

# **Grand Pass C.A.**

## **2005 Waterfowl Hunting Outlook**

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### **TEAL SEASON:**

Teal season runs from September 10-18, 2005. At this time we do not anticipate having habitat available in pools 7 and 8 due to scheduled construction and maintenance. It is likely we will have between 75 to 100 acres flooded for teal season. There shall be some hunting opportunity in Pools 5 and 6, with very limited habitat in Pools 1 and 2. **For Teal Season only:** there will be no drawing, no refuge, and no 1:00p.m. closure. Shooting times are sunrise to sunset. All hunters are required to check in prior to hunting at area headquarters to fill out a Daily Waterfowl Hunting Tag.

### **YOUTH WATERFOWL SEASON:**

The procedures for youth waterfowl season shall be similar as in years past. We will conduct a morning drawing each day of the youth season, refuge Pools 1, 2, 7 and 8 will be closed to hunting, and hunting shall close at 1:00p.m. Draw time will be announced when season dates are finalized.

### **REGULAR DUCK SEASON:**

Habitat conditions for 2005 look to be excellent again this year. Good rainfall in spring and early summer provided ideal conditions for good moist-soil production, and the necessary moisture for agricultural food production. However, fall pumping this year may be problematic if at all possible given the fact that the Corps of Engineers has opted to shorten the navigation season on the Missouri River 48 days sooner than normal. Water releases shall be cut approximately October 1, 2005. We may encounter problems with pumping as early as the end of October. This may lead to decreased hunting opportunity. Waterfowl hunters will need to attend a morning drawing held at the headquarters building each day during the prescribed duck season. Draw times generally are two (2) hours prior to shooting time. Draw Times are available on the web and on the Grand Pass CA hotline at 660-595-2437. If sufficient water is available for pumping we shall hunt the following pools 3, 4, 5, 5West, 6 and TIII as we have in the past. Hunters should expect a general increase in water levels as the season progresses and a subsequent increase in hunting opportunity. Generally speaking on a "normal" year we should begin the waterfowl season with 15-18 positions and end the season with 35-40 positions. Waterfowl hunting closes at 1:00 p.m. daily. All waterfowl hunting at Grand Pass is "wade and shoot" or walk-in. Boats are permitted, with ramps located at most pools. Pools 1, 2, 7 and 8 are refuge after October 15 with no hunting or admittance permitted. Hunters may contact the Grand Pass office 660-595-2444 or the area hotline 660-595-2437 for the latest information.